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# Leveraging Commercial Data Interchange Standards

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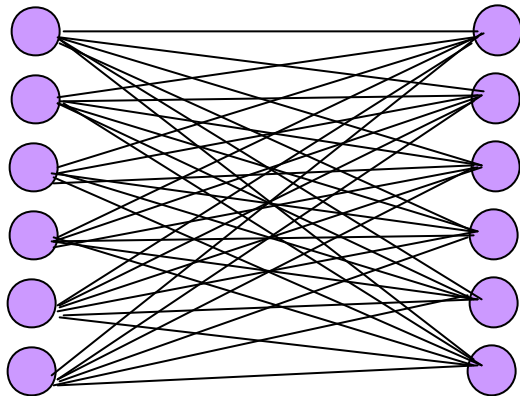
# Agenda

- Why Specs and Standards?
- Why eXtensible Markup Language (XML)?
- XML's Envisioned Role
- XML Specs and Standards Framework
  - XML Foundation Specifications
  - XML Architecture Specifications
  - XML Content or “Payload” Standards
- Industry-wide Harmonization Across Standards

# Why Specs and Standards?

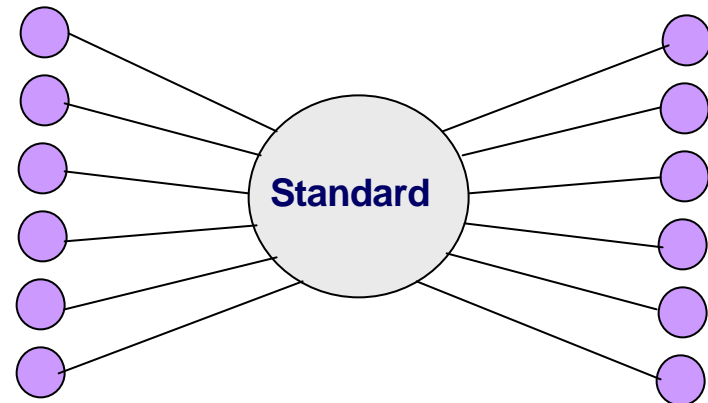
## Data Content

**N (N-1) Mappings – Point-to-Point**



**OR**

**2N Mappings – Industry Standard**

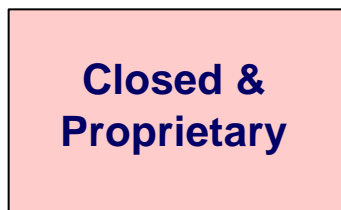


**According to the Gartner Group, 35-40% of all programming effort in a typical computing environment is devoted to developing and maintaining interfaces**

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## Architecture

**Costly to build  
interfacing applications**



**OR**

**Easier and less costly to  
build interfacing applications**



# Why eXtensible Markup Language (XML)?

**“No Microsoft software product will remain untouched by XML”**

**Peter Plamondon, Mgr Developer Relations, Microsoft**

**“Starting with Oracle8i, ... all Oracle products will fully support XML ...”**

<http://technet.oracle.com/tech/xml/>

**“mySAP.com™ is built on e-business standards and technologies such as XML, HTML, HTTP, and Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) to ensure openness and interoperability.”**

<http://www.sap.com/solutions/technology/index.htm>

**Critical Mass Has Been Achieved**

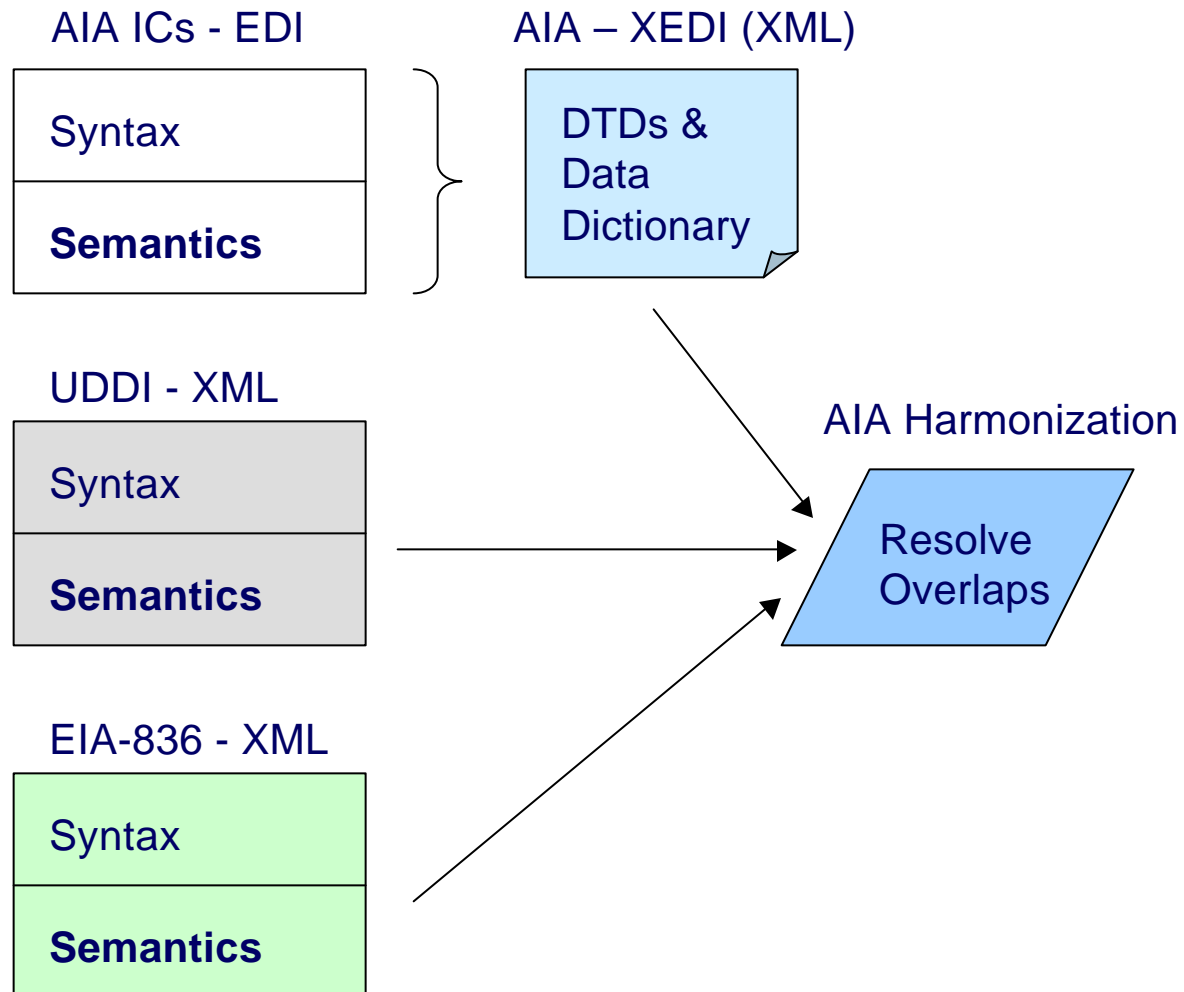
**The Major Vendors Are XML Enabling Their Applications**

# Tiny Sample of Current/Future XML Standards

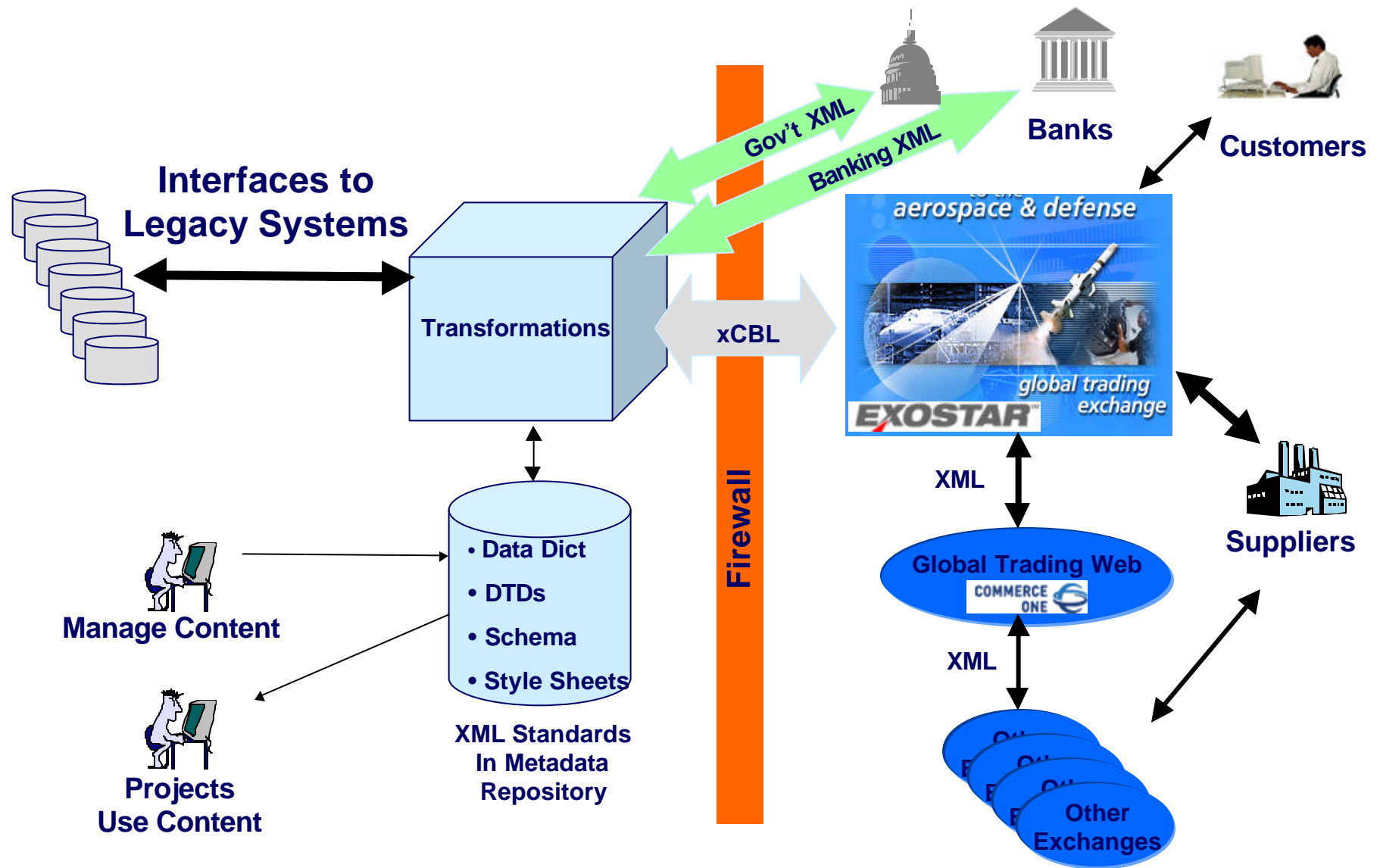
- HL7 – Health Care
- OTA – Open Travel Alliance
- IFX – Interactive Financial Exchange
- FPML – Financial Products
- EML – Election Markup Language
- HR-XML – Human Resources and Benefits
- RosettaNet – Information Technology Industry
- ACORD – XML for the Insurance Industry
- GML – Geography Markup Language
- MatML – Material Property Data Markup Language
- OMF – Weather Observation Markup Format

# Syntax and Semantics in XML

## Industry-wide Standards



# XML's Envisioned Role



# Two Basic Types of Exchange Documents

## ■ Transactions

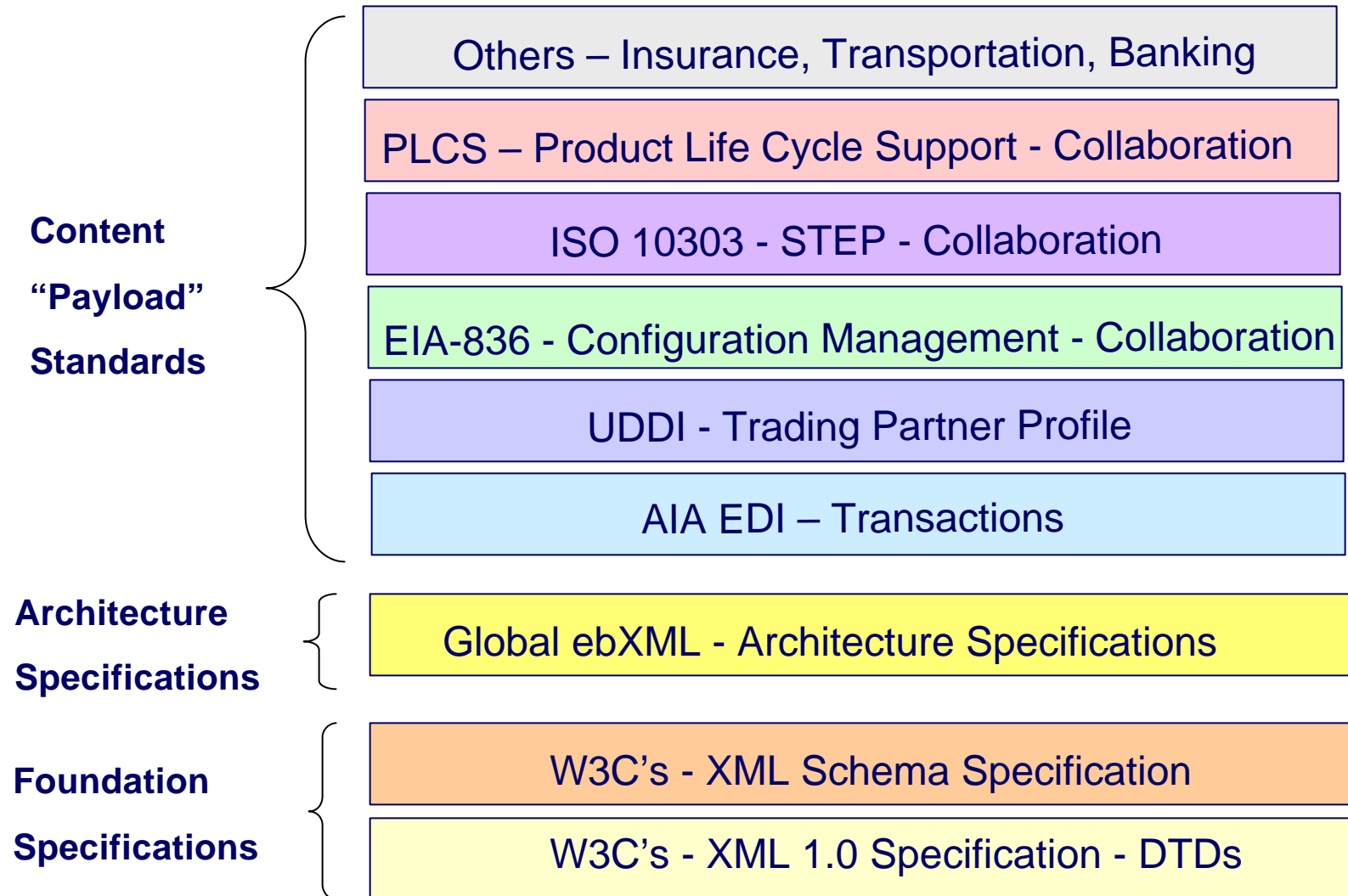
- Purchase Orders
- Purchase Order Changes
- Purchase Order Acknowledgements
- Purchase Order Change Acknowledgements
- Invoices
- Remittance Advice
- Request for Quote
- Request for Quote Response
- Shipping Schedule
- Etc.

## ■ Collaboration Documents

- Mission Requirements
- Concept of Operations
- Specifications
- Product Designs
- Engineering Change Proposals
- Trade-off Studies
- Test Reports
- Meeting Minutes
- Plans
- Schedules
- Presentations
- Etc.



# XML Specs and Standards Framework



# W3C XML 1.0 Specification

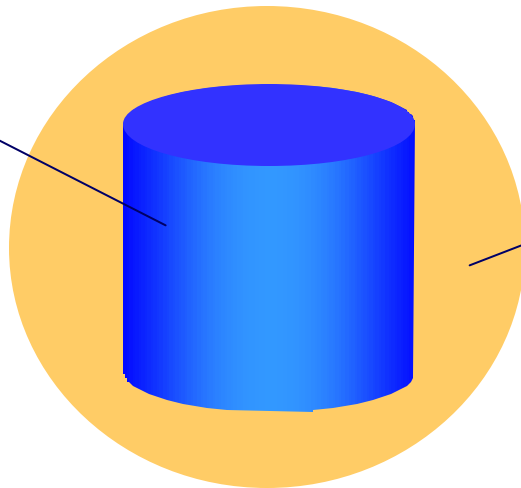
## eXtensible Markup Language

XML 1.0 is the foundation standard recommended by W3C in February 1998 to describe other languages

- a metalanguage
- separates data content from its presentation
- derived from ISO 8879 (SGML)

### Language

- semantics
- syntax



### Business Rules & Methods

XML 1.0 specifies requirements of well-formed and valid XML documents - DTDs

# W3C XML Schema Specification

Recommendation status as of May 2, 2001

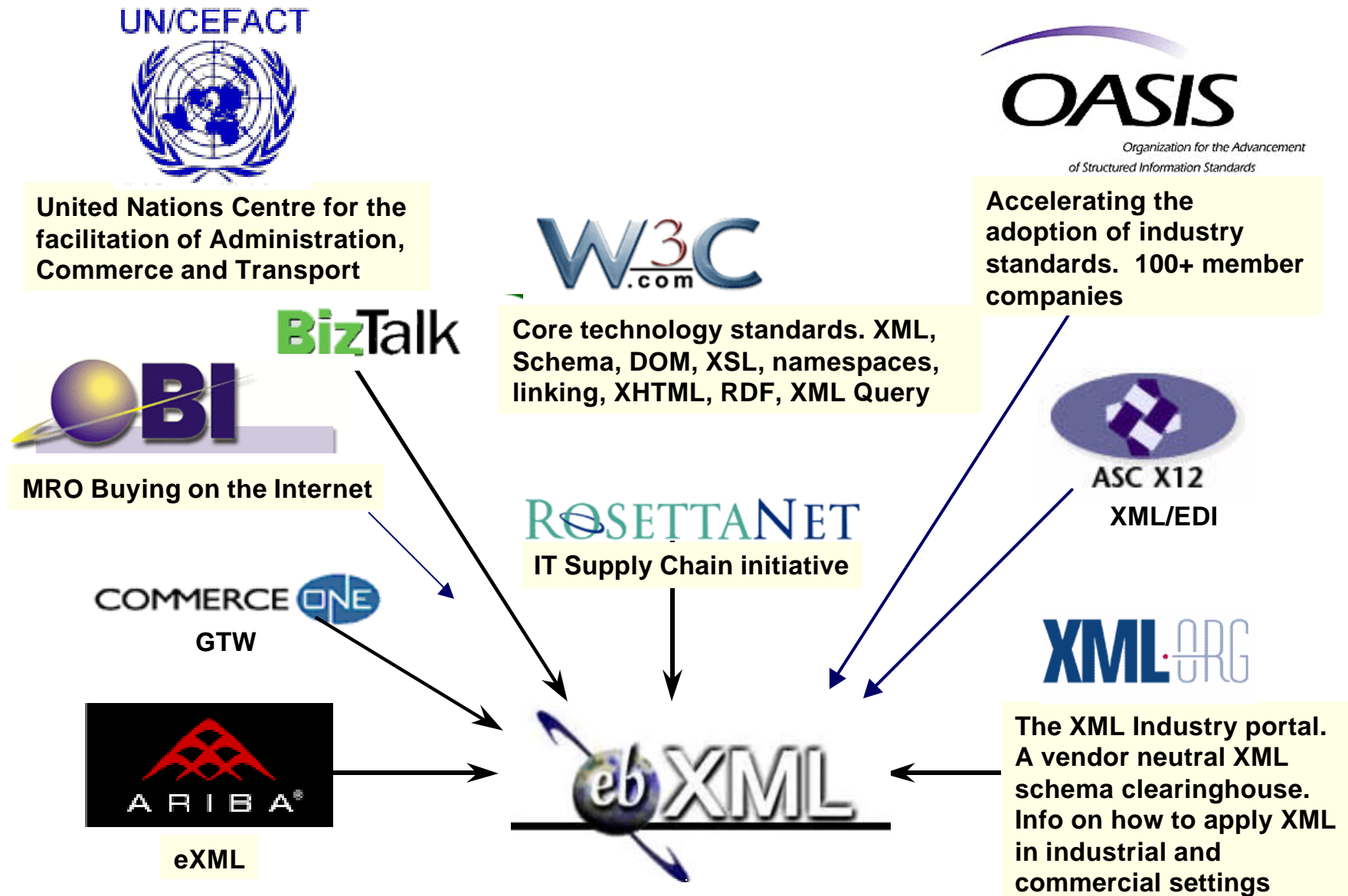
XML  
Schema  
Part 0  
Primer

XML Schema  
Part 1  
Structures

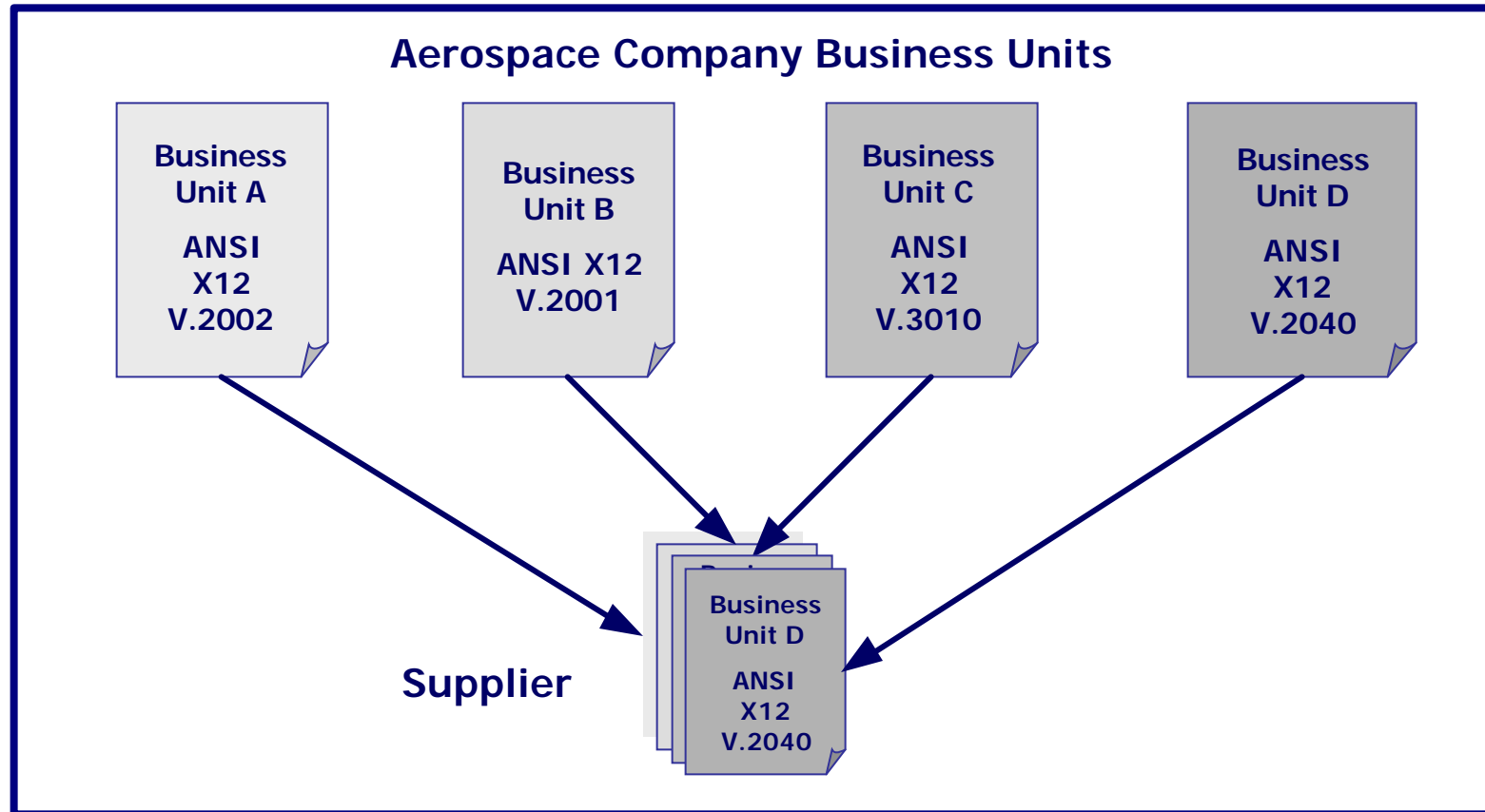
XML Schema  
Part 2  
Data Types

XML Schema enables **application-to-application integration** with **data integrity and validation checks** based on an open specification whereas previously the tasks were performed with proprietary solutions

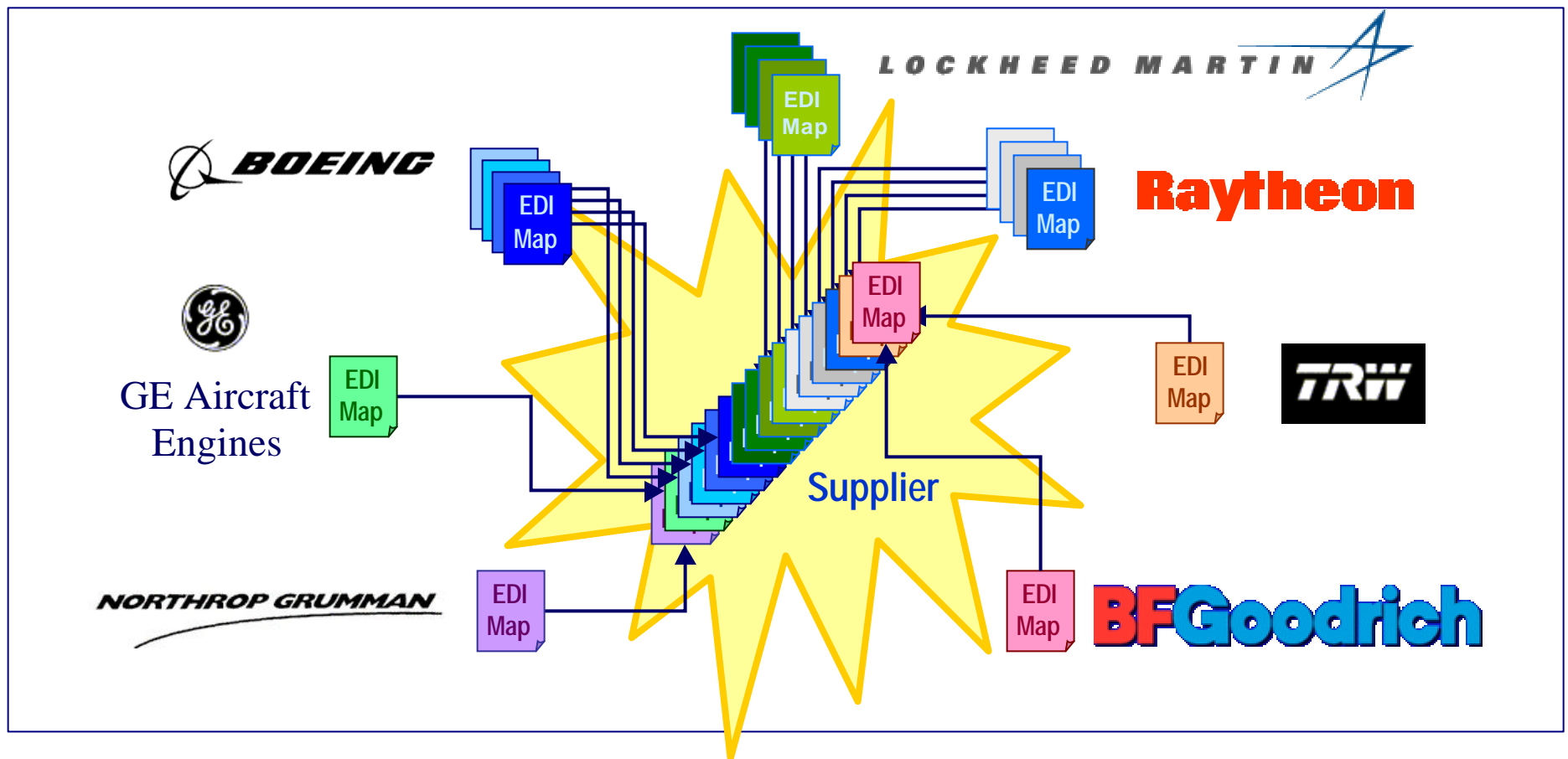
# Global ebXML – Major Participants



# The Transaction Content Problem

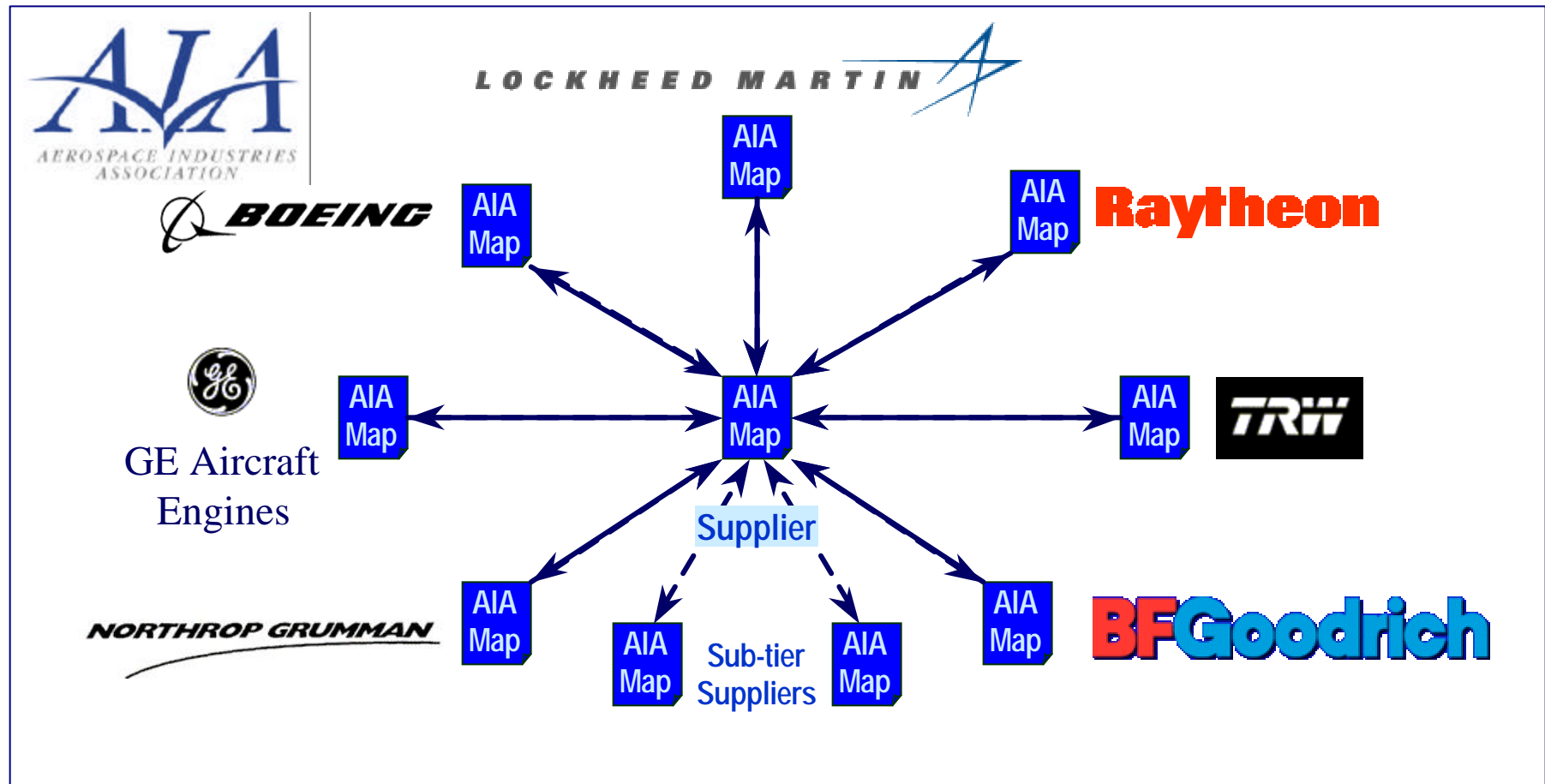


# The Problem Magnified Across the Industry



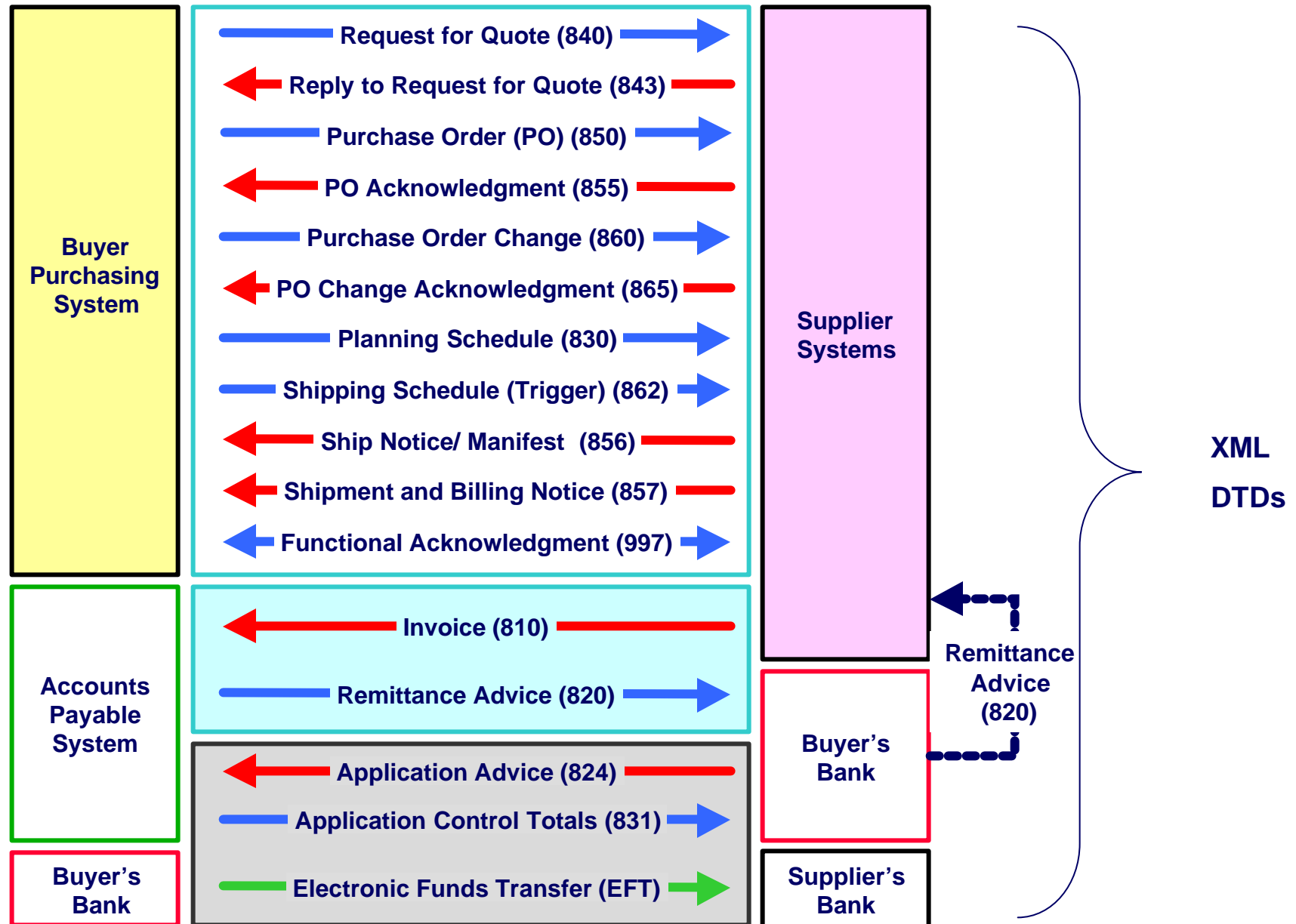
Adds substantial costs throughout supply chain

# The Industry-wide Solution



Based on industry-wide best practices

# AIA's Harmonized EDI Transactions





# Universal Description Discovery Integration

Global single point to register your business

**White Pages**

- Who you are
- Where located
- How to contact you

**Yellow Pages**

- What products and services

**Green Pages**

- How to conduct business with you

<http://www.uddi.org/>

# EIA-836 Standard

## Electronic Industries Association EIA-836 *Standard Configuration Management Data Exchange and Interoperability*

### Record of Authority Transfer

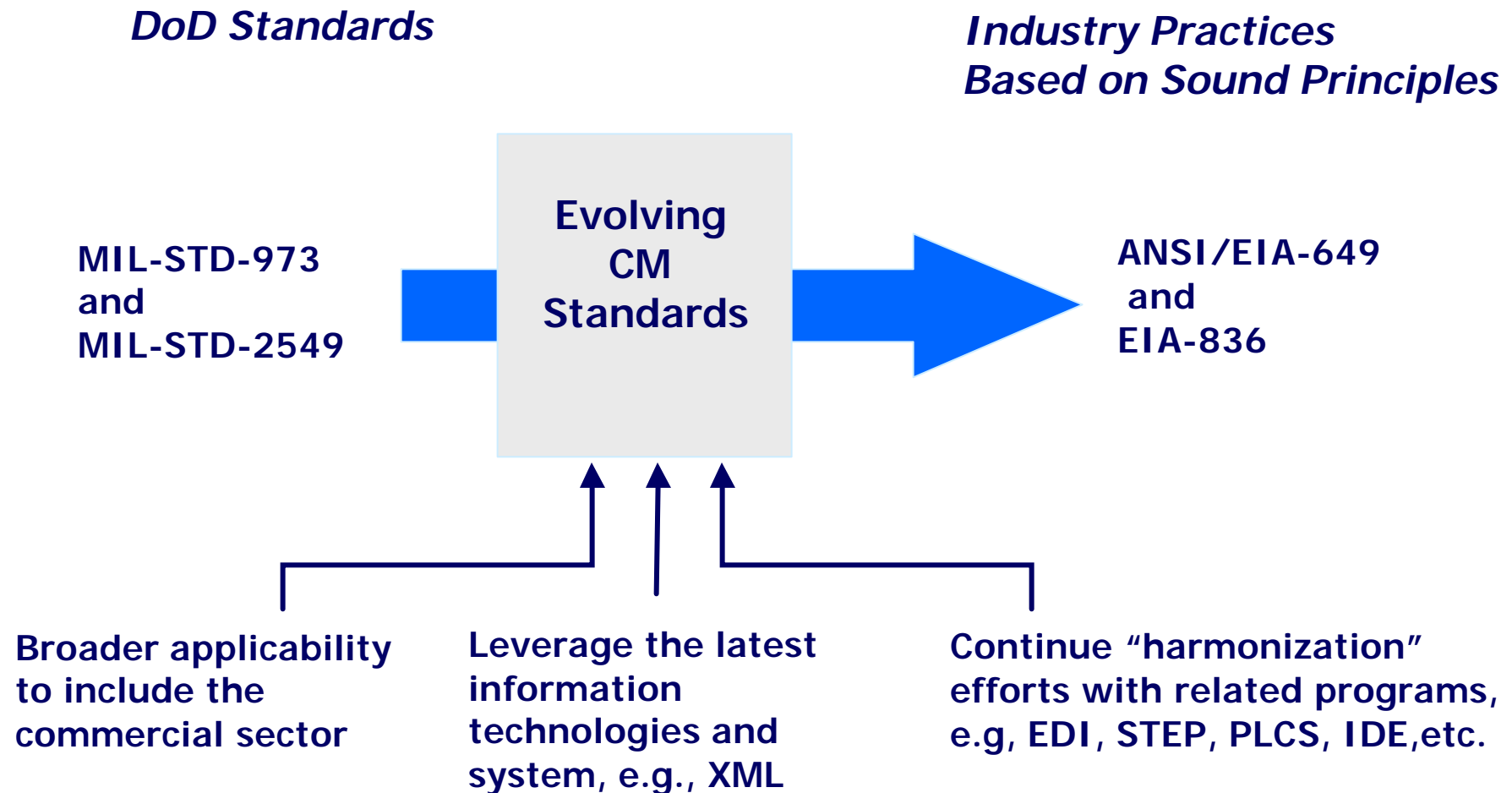


EIA-836 Record of Authority Metadata

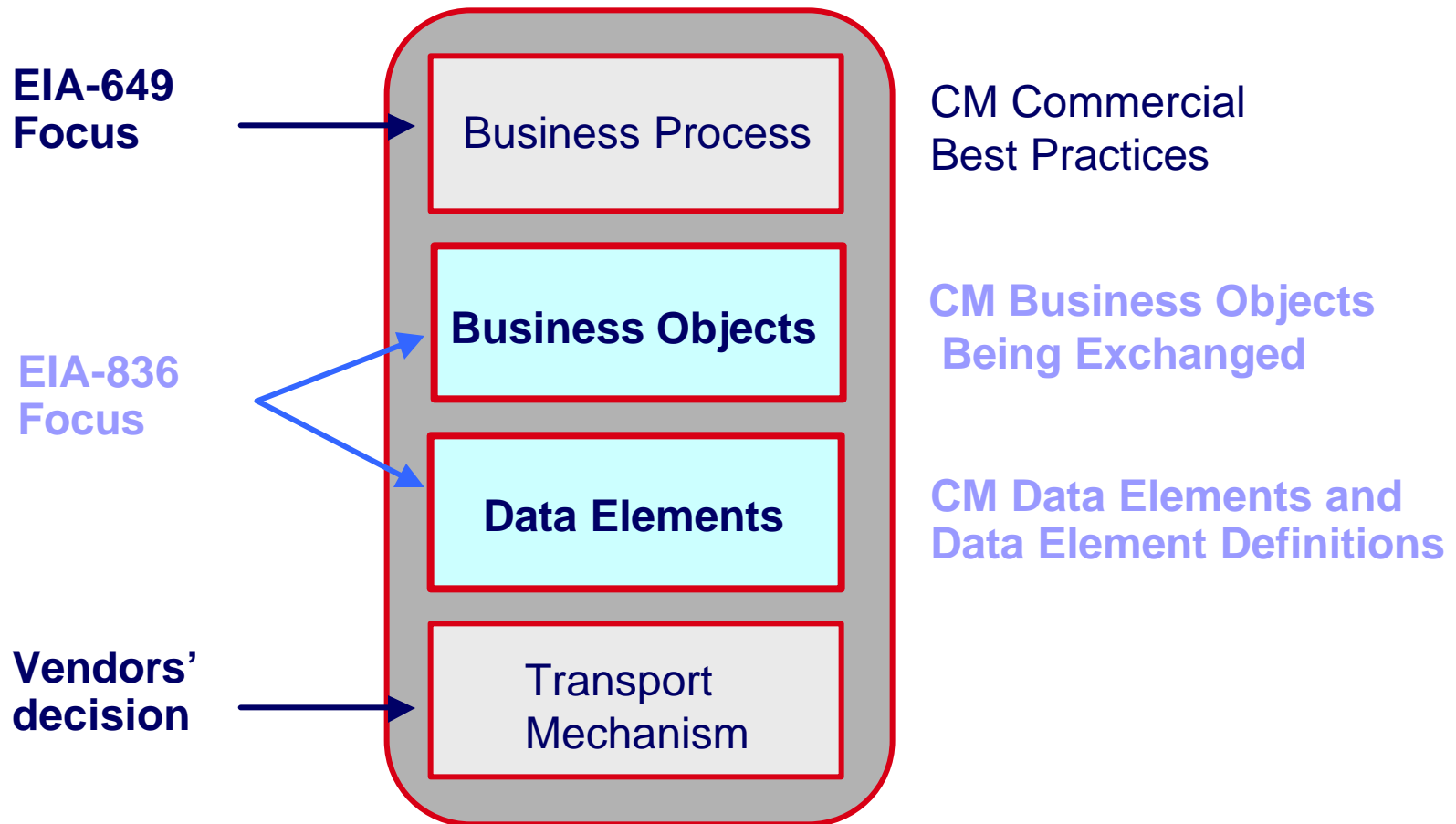
- **Document Change History**
- **Product Configuration History**
- **Change Actions/History**

Transfer of record of authority metadata is typically required when final production item is delivered and the data package is delivered from supplier to customer.

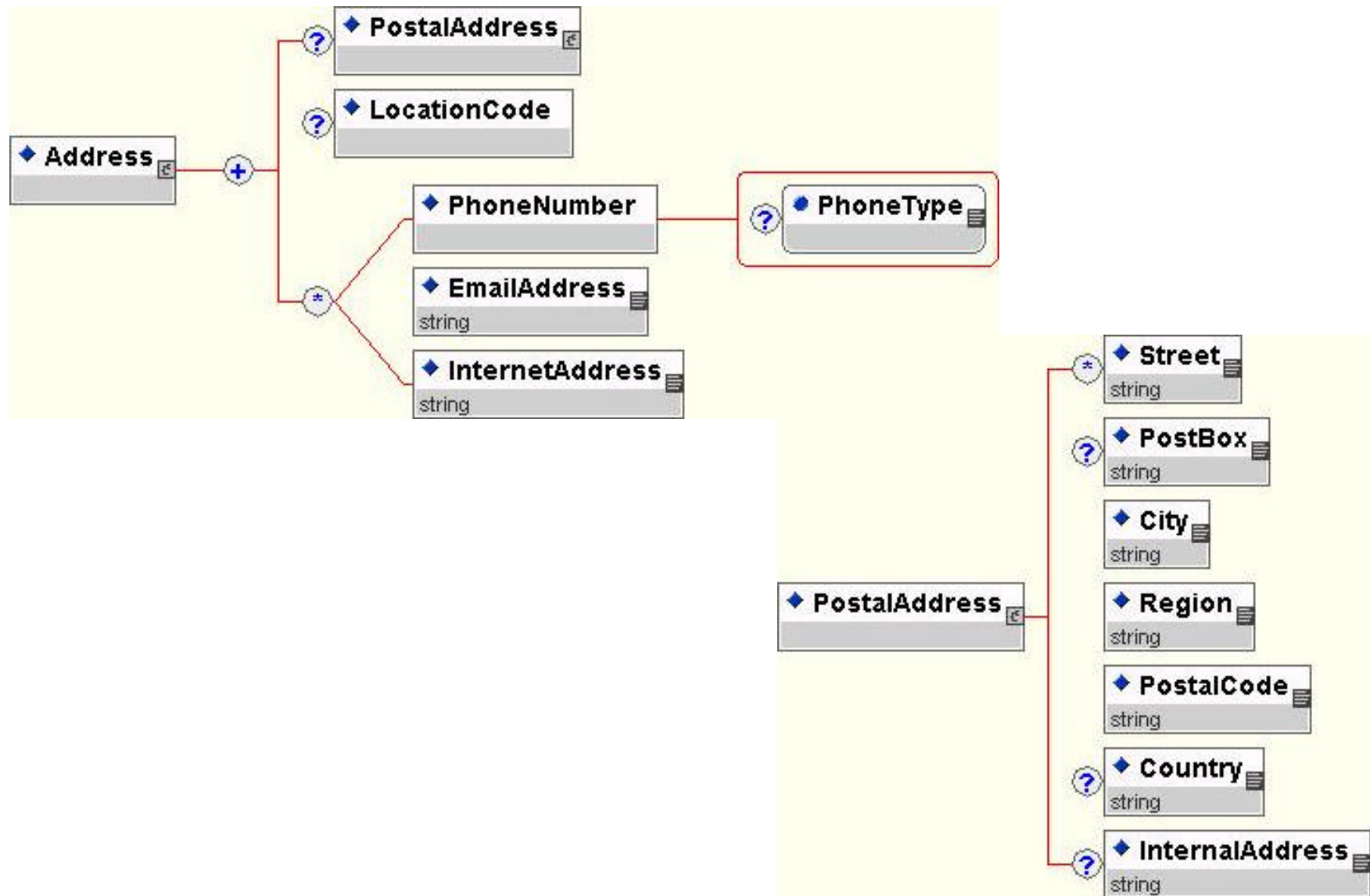
# EIA-836 Background



# EIA-836 Focus

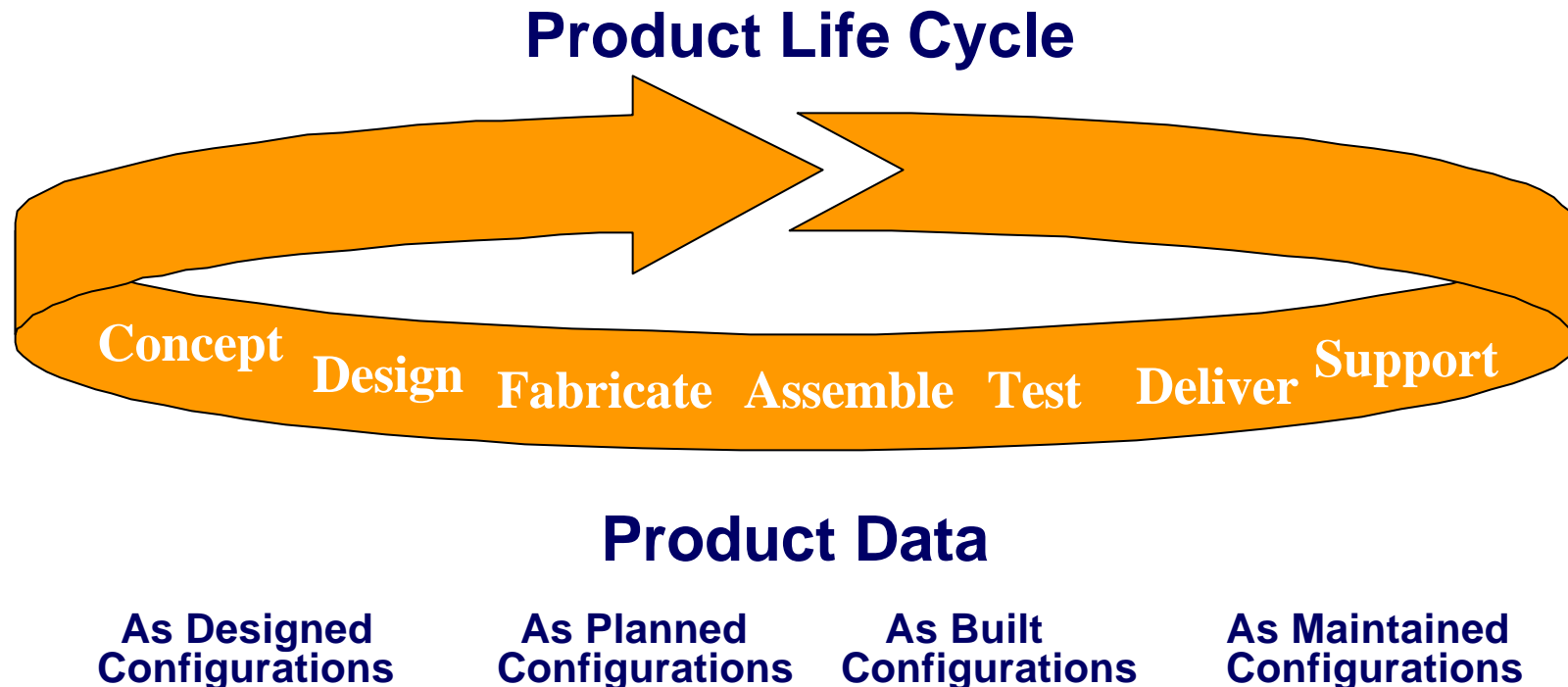


# Example EIA-836 DTD for Address



# ISO 10303 - STEP

**STEP is an international standard (ISO 10303) that provides an unambiguous, computer interpretable definition of the physical and functional characteristics of a product throughout its life cycle**



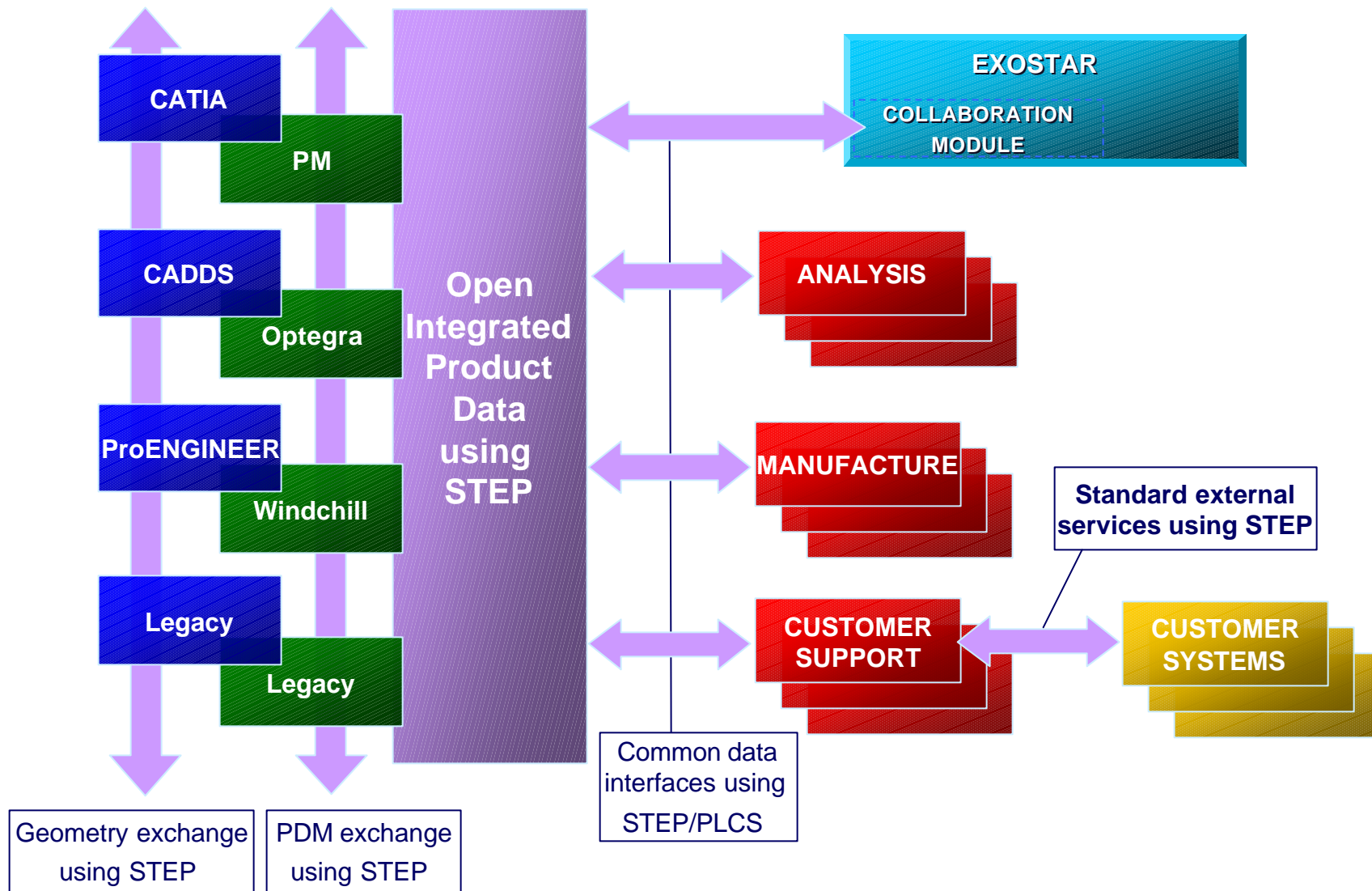
ISO 10303 - Part 28 will enable XMLized STEP

# Product Life Cycle Support (PLCS)

- **PLCS was formed to address the horizontal integration shortcomings of STEP**
- **A joint industry and government initiative to accelerate development of new standards for product support information**
- **PLCS Inc. established in 1999 by 14 leading private and public sector organizations**
- **An international project, managed within the ISO framework, to produce draft standard(s) within 3 years.**
- **PLCS utilizes ISO 10303 STEP - the **S**Tandard for **E**xchange of **P**roduct model data and EIA-836**

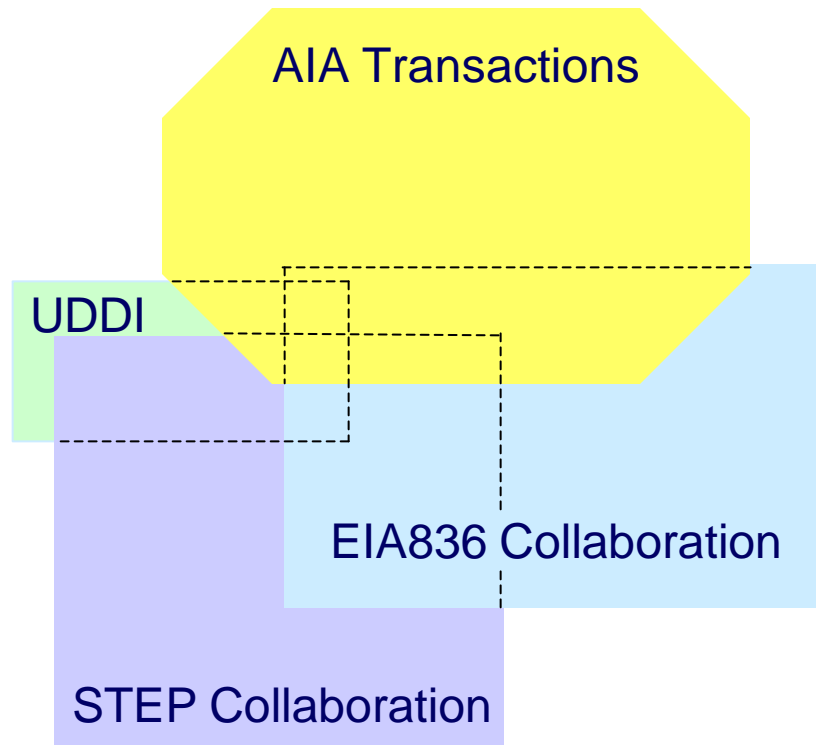


# STEP and PLCS in Context





# Overlaps Require Harmonization



## UDDI

- **Universal Unique ID (UUID)**
- Globally unique
- Supports many ID codes
- 128 bit hexadecimal (8 char AN)

## EIA-836

- **Organization ID**
- Supports many ID codes
  - CAGE, DUNS, FSCM, etc.
- ID length not specified

## AIA EDI

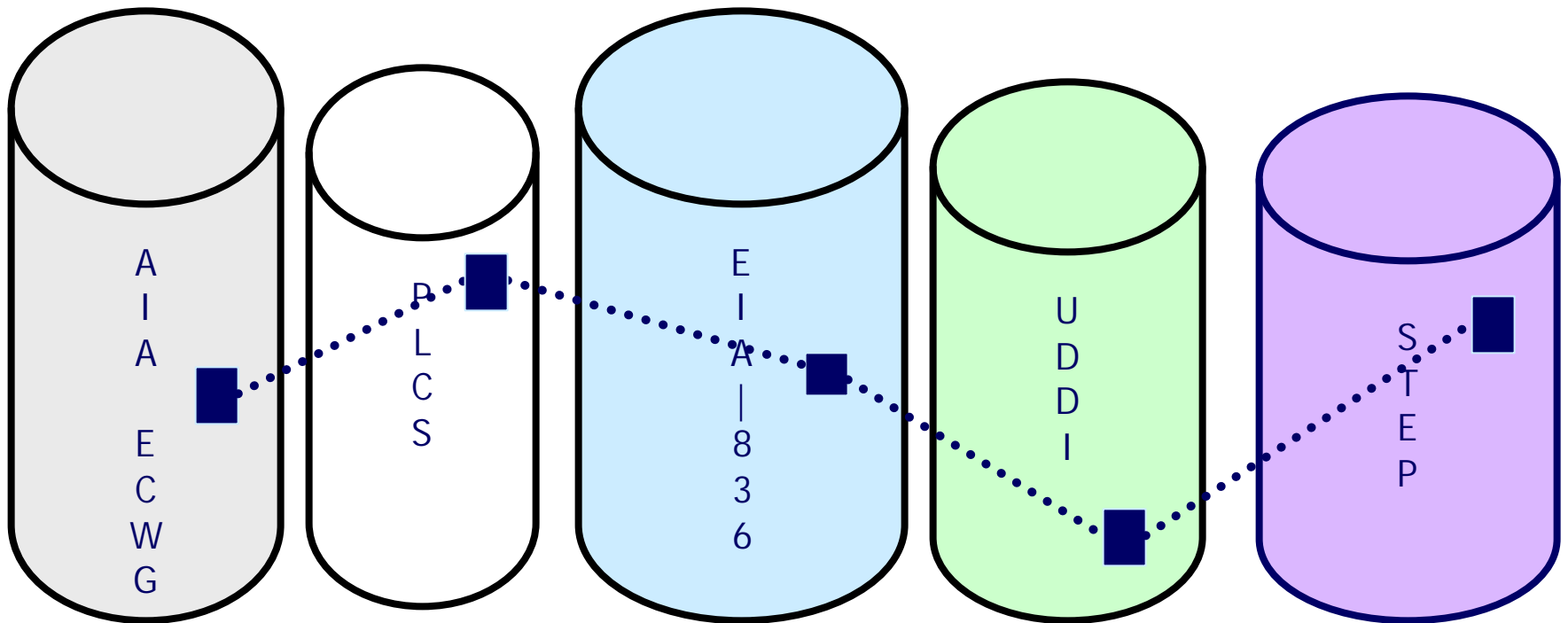
- **Originating Company Identifier**
- Supports many ID codes
  - CAGE, DUNS, FSCM, etc.
- ID length (10 char AN)

## Example Overlaps

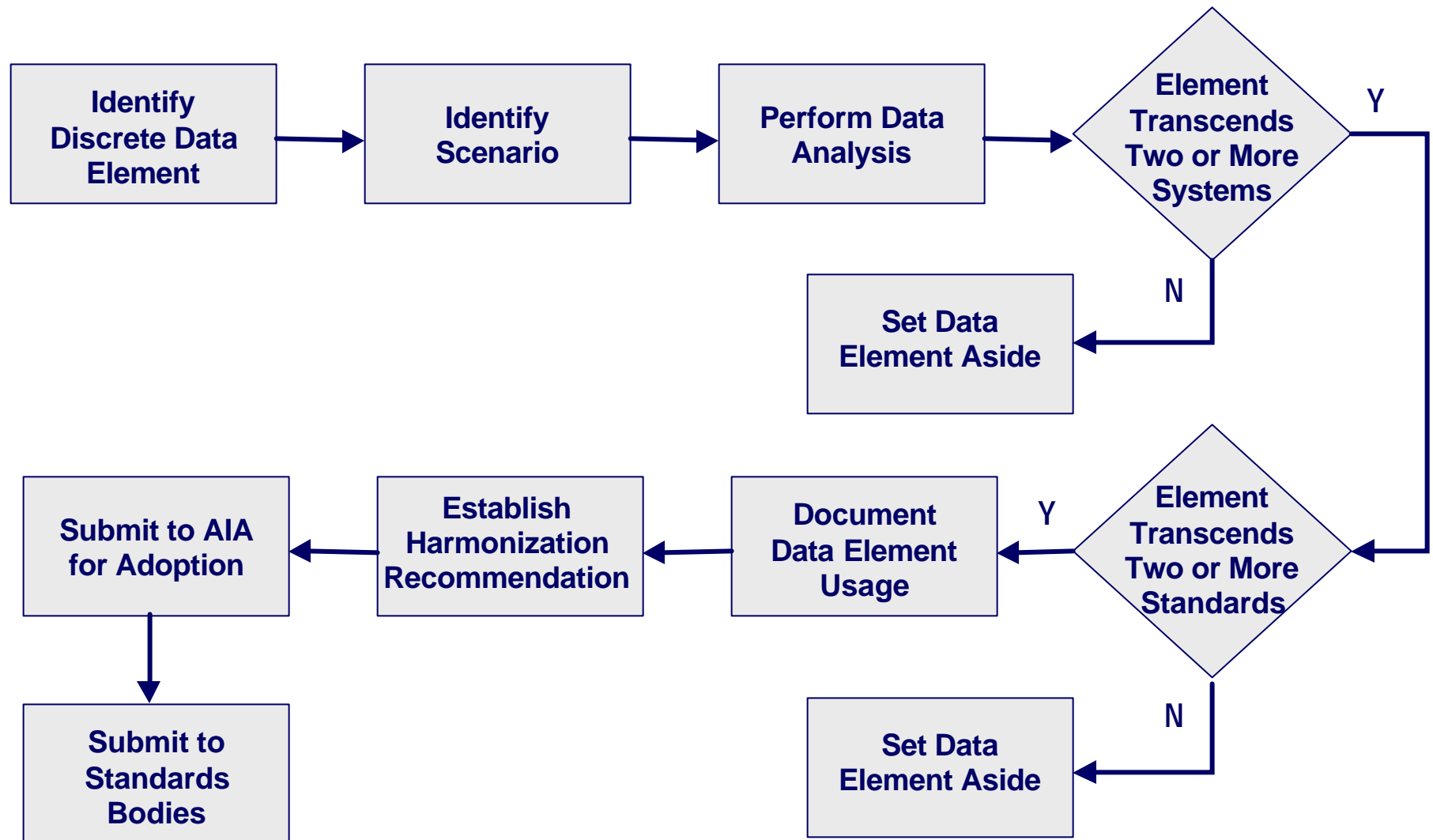
- Supplier ID
- Address
- Part Number

**AIA proposing process for harmonizing overlaps between standards**

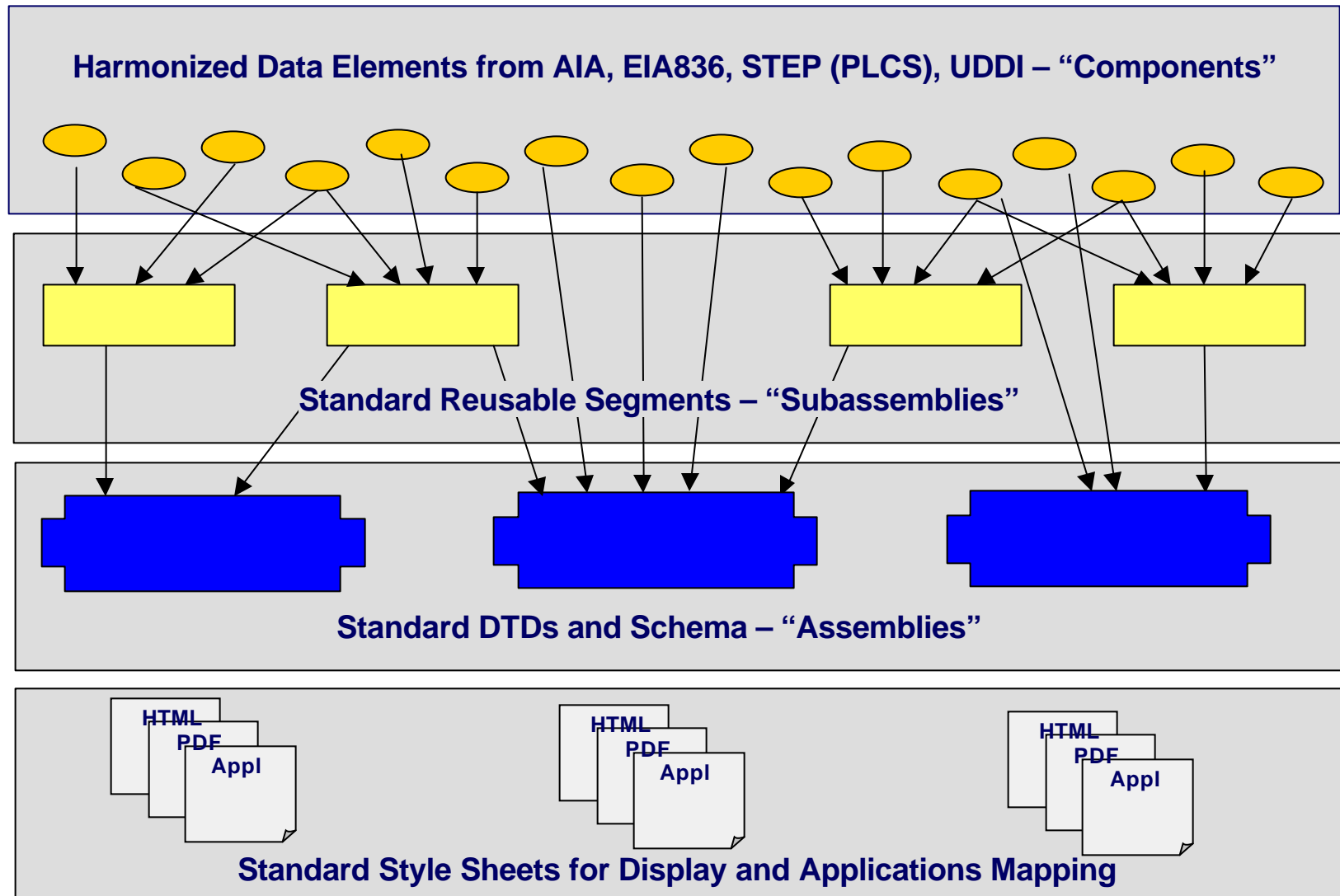
# Connecting the Dots Across Silo Standards



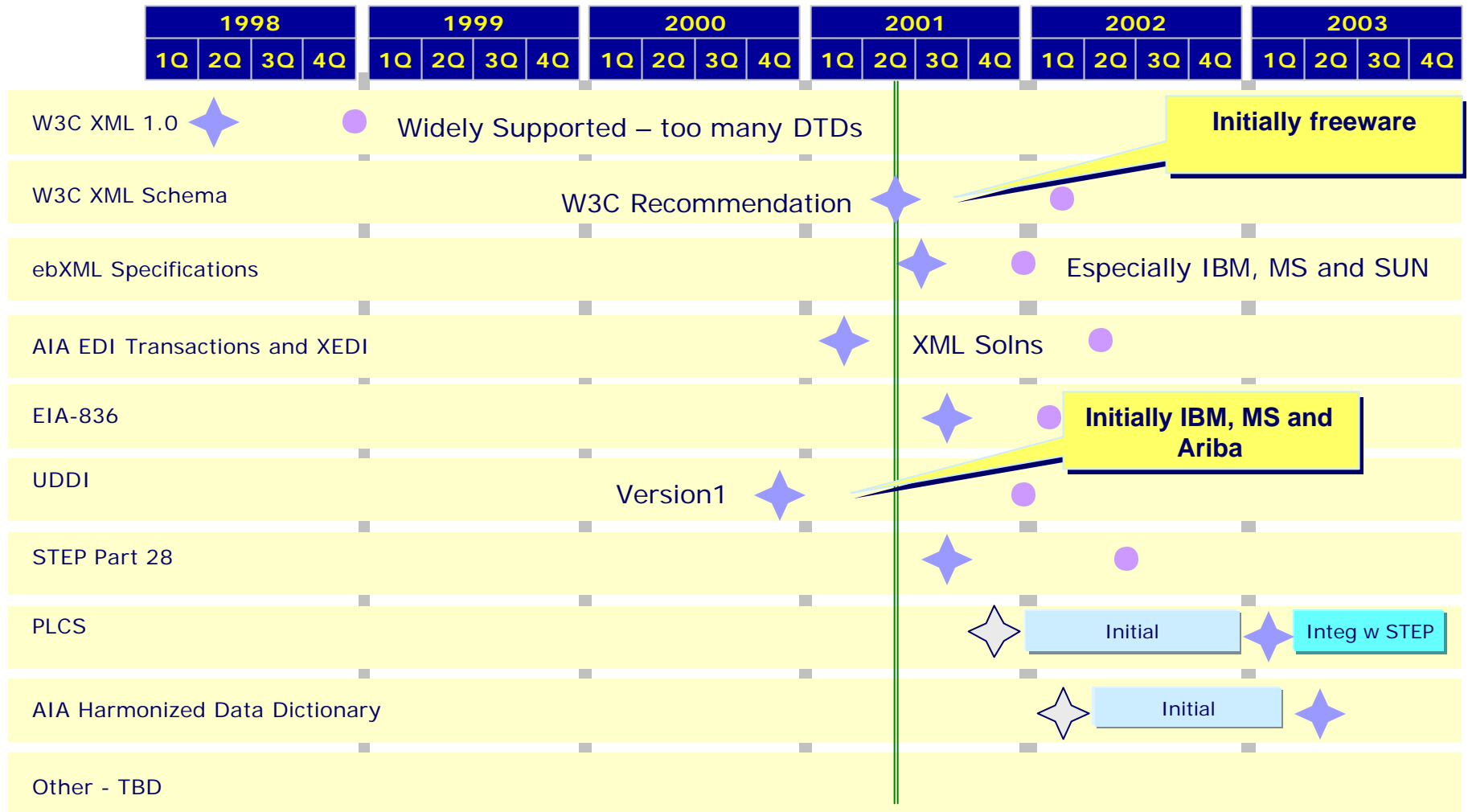
# AIA's Proposed Harmonization Approach



# Content of Industry-wide Repository



# XML Standards Roadmap Summary



Key: ★ Standard ready for vendor support  
● Vendor support widely available

# Web Site URLs

- W3C XML 1.0 Specification
  - <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml>
- W3C XML Schema Specification
  - <http://www.w3.org/XML/Schema#dev>
- Global ebXML Architecture Specification
  - [http://www.ebxml.org/specdrafts/approved\\_specs.htm](http://www.ebxml.org/specdrafts/approved_specs.htm)
  - [http://www.ebxml.org/specdrafts/specs\\_for\\_review.htm](http://www.ebxml.org/specdrafts/specs_for_review.htm)
- AIA Harmonized EDI Transactions
  - <http://www.aia-aerospace.org/edi/implcon.cfm>
- UDDI Specifications
  - <http://www.uddi.org/>
- EIA-836 Draft Standard
  - <http://www.dcnicn.com/cm/index.cfm>
- ISO 10303 STEP Standard
  - <http://www.nist.gov/sc4/www/stepdocs.htm>
- Product Life Cycle Support (PLCS)
  - <http://www.plcs.org/>